

# Kris Lemsalu

## education

2010–2014 Akademie der Bildenden Künste Wien, Department of Sculpture, professor Monica Bonvicini

2008–2009 Danmarks Designskole, Department of Design

2004–2008 Estonian Academy of Arts, Department of Ceramics

## solo exhibitions

2025

Francisco Carolinum Linz, Austria (forthcoming)

2024

One foot in gravy, Margot Samel, New York, NY

Chará, Belvedere 21, Museum of Contemporary Art, Vienna, Austria

Donatella, Tartu Art Museum, Tartu, Estonia

Magazin 4, Bregenz, Austria (forthcoming)

2023

Chará, Art in Public Space – KÖR, Kunstplatz Graben, Vienna, Austria

Rinky Dink Babe, Kendall Koppe, Glasgow, UK2022

Angels Gone Pissing, Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, Tallinn

Love Stories, Meyer Kainer Gallery, Vienna

Peace @ 295 Church Street, Margot Samel Gallery, New York

2021

It's a Family Affair, with Kyp Malone, Hunt Kastner, Prague

Lazy Flower, PLATO Ostrava, Czech Republic

2020

Love Song Sing Along (Once Again With Feeling!), with Kyp Malone, Kai Art Center, Tallinn

Love Song Sing-Along, with Kyp Malone, KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin

2019

Birth V - Hi and Bye, Estonian Pavilion, 58th Venice Biennial

Biker, Bride, Builder, Businesswoman and Baby, Tramway, Glasgow

2018

Keys Open Doors, Secession, Vienna

4LIFE, Goldsmiths CCA, London

Mysteriously Conceived and Deeply Felt, Mavra, Berlin

2017

The Wild Ones, Koppe Astner, Glasgow

CONDO collaborative exhibition, Kris Lemsalu with Koppe Astner, hosted by Southard Reid, London

2016

Beauty and the Beast, with Tiit Pääsuke, curated by Tamara Luuk, Tallinn Art Hall

Afternoon Tear Drinker, curated by Hemma Schmutz, Kunstraum Lakeside, Klagenfurt

2015

Blood Knot Step By Step, Bunshitu Gallery, Tokyo

Fine With Afterlife, Ferdinand Bauman Gallery, Prague

2014

[Lord, Got To Keep On Groovin](#), Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn

2012

Top Sinner, Pro Choice, Vienna

Evian Desert, Galerie Tanja Wagner, Berlin

Being Together, with Edith Karlson, Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn

Kris Lemsalu, with Mads Westrup, Hinter Haus des Meeres, Vienna

2011

Schneiderei.home.studio.gallery, Vienna

2008

Gallery Window 108, Copenhagen

### **selected group exhibitions**

2023

To mold, To hold. Currents in Estonian ceramics, ARS, Tallinn

Rinky Dink Babe, Kendall Koppe Gallery, Glasgow

And I trust you, Sammlung Peters-Messer, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin

Earth spells, RAMM, Exeter

2022

THE PARTY. Between representation and turmoil, MAK Museum of Applied Arts, Vienna

Growing Out? Growing Up? Contemporary Art Collecting in the Baltics, Zuzeum Art Centre, Riga

We'll Be Right Back, You Just Keep Playing!, Tallinn Art Hall

Eva Presenhuber, Zurich

The Well of Wisdom, Meetfactory, Prague

2021

Airing Dirty Laundry, with Kyp Malone, 7th Athens Biennale: Eclipse

Diversity United. Contemporary European Art, Moscow - Berlin - Paris, Stiftung für Kunst und Kultur, Bonn

2020

[Roots and Ruins](#), curated by Rael Artel, Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn

SEÑORA! with Sarah Lucas, Michèle Pagel, Kate Boxer, Edith Karlson, Patricia Jordan, Bárbara Sánchez-Kane, Angela

Bulloch, Johanna Ulsak and Merilyn Humphreys, Meyer Kainer, Vienna

Biennale Gherdëina 7, Ortisei, Italy

Human After All, Prinsessehof National Museum of Ceramics, Leeuwarden, Netherlands

2019

Up to and Including Limits, Muzeum Susch, Zürich

Body Splits, SALTS, Birsfelden

Metamorphosis. Art in Europe Now, Fondation Cartier, Paris

2018

Drawings, 650mah, Hove

Schmaltz, Guimaraes, Vienna

Artishok Biennial, Baltic Station, Tallinn

100 Sculptures, Anonymous gallery, Mexico City

Nothing Will Be As Before - Ten Years of Tanya Leighton, Tanya Leighton, Berlin

Under the Black and Baltic Deep, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis

Further Thoughts On Earthy Materials, GAK Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst, Bremen

Survival Kit 10, Riga Circus

Disorder, Komplot, Brussels

Give Up the Ghost, Baltic Triennial, Tallinn Art Hall

There and Back Again, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki

2017

ESTER KRUMBACHOVÁ. Yeti – Wear the Amulet – Tangle Up the Archive, curated by Zuzana Blochová and Edith Jerábková in collaboration with Anja Kirschner and Pavel Turnovský, tranzitdisplay, Prague

Gifts from Estonia, Nanterre-Amandiers, Nanterre

DRAF performance night, London, UK

Where Other Creatures Put Their Eyes, Vermilion Sands, Copenhagen

Homeward Bound, Nicodim, Los Angeles

Material Traces, curated by Felicitas Thun-Hohenstein, Charim Galerie, Vienna

per-'sō-nae, curated by Anna Lalla, Klemm's, Berlin

Be happy! We do not forget you, curated by Andreas Fischer and Veit Loers, Collection Zander / Schloss Böttigheim

Later Is Now, curated by Hugo Canoilas, Workplace, Gateshead

you see me like a UFO, curated by Marcelle Joseph, Girlpower and Marcelle Joseph Collections, Ascot

Wormwood, Ellis King, Dublin

Steps to Aeration, curated by Sarah McCrory, Tanya Leighton, Berlin

The Hierophant, curated by Aaron Moulton, Galeria Nicodim Bucharest

Metamorphosis, curated by Zdenek Felix, KAI 10 / Arthema Foundation, Düsseldorf; Galerie Guido W. Baudach, Berlin; and Galerie SVIT, Prague

Aftermieter, curated by Veit Loers, Haus Mödrath – Räume für Kunst, Kerpen

Physical Mind Restless Hands, Galerie Micky Schubert, Berlin

Full Moon in Leo, Galerie Tatjana Pieters, Ghent

2016

Meaning Can only Grow out of Intimacy, curated by Elise Lammer, Les Urbaines, Lausanne

Mehrlinge, Galerie Kai Erdmann, Hamburg

Parallel Vienna

Winter Is Coming (Homage to the Future), curated by Maria Arusoo, Georg Kargl gallery, Vienna

Yoga Dog, curated by Veit Loers, gallery Kai Erdmann, Hamburg

On Disappearing & For Vanishing, curated by Sten Ojavee, Tartu Art Museum

Jumanji, Soft Focus Institute, Ghent

[International Fun](#), Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn

2015

Revers de Trompe, Xhibit, Vienna

The Ultimate Vessel, Koppe Astner, Glasgow

Eating the Forest, Fabbrica del Vapore, Milano

Sequences real time art festival, Reykjavik

OK Corral Project Space, Copenhagen

Blackbridge Offspace, Beijing

Zona Sztuki Aktualnej Gallery, Szczecin

Glasstress, Venice

2014

Mongolia Land Art Biennial, Mongolian National Art Gallery, Ulaanbataar

Hans im Glück, Kunstraum Niederösterreich, Vienna

The generosity in joyful limitations: 3 dimensions only, BLACKBRIDGE OFFSPACE, Beijing

Ego Editions, Galerie Tanja Wagner, Berlin

Merike Estna & Painting in an Open Space, curated by Merike Estna and Kati Ilves, KUMU art museum, Tallinn

2013

Urschleim Fauna, Copenhagen

Gelatin - Stop - Anna Ly Sing - Stop, Schinkel Pavillon, Berlin

ART IST KUKU NU UT 2013: PRADA PRAVDA, Tartu Art Museum, Noorus Gallery and Y gallery, Tartu

is my territory., curated by Monica Bonvicini, Christine König Galerie, Vienna

Loch, with Gelatin, 21er Haus, Vienna

The Mediterranean Dog, COLE Gallery, London,

90 years of ceramic education in Estonia, Estonian Museum Of Applied Arts, Tallinn  
ephemeral self - finite projections, Galerie NTK, Prague

2012

The Scientific People, Kunstraum Niederösterreich, Vienna  
Discussing Metamodernism, Galerie Tanja Wagner, Berlin  
Black Pages #31, Galerie Emanuel Layr, Vienna  
Nasensuche, with Gelatin, Schloss Rossatz, Wachau  
In Passing 14 with Lilo Nein, Künstlerhaus, Vienna  
Performance with Gelatin, Tanzquartier Wien, Vienna  
Elaine MGK, Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Basel IHM Fair

2011

Modeling Agency, 68squaremetres, Copenhagen  
There was a job to be done and everybody thought somebody would do it, Kunstraum Niederösterreich, Vienna

2010

Kunstperformancenacht IV, Ballhaus Ost, Berlin  
Reality Check, with Gelatin, Prague  
Filmiki, curated by Pawel Althamer, Dana Charkasi gallery, Vienna  
Vienna Art Week, Sammlung Lenikus, Vienna

2008

Space of Doubt, Undervand, Copenhagen

#### **performances**

2023

As long as the blood beats in our fountains with Kitty Florentine, Performa Biennial 2023.  
The Water Gurgles in collaboration with the band New York, High Line, New York  
Gems! for the Garden in collaboration with the band New York, Botanical Garden Dmitrie Brandza, Bucharest  
Lust Fest in collaboration with Edith Karlson, Lazdynai Swimming Pool, Vilnius Biennale of Performance Art, Vilnius  
Untitled performance in collaboration with Maria Metsalu, Protozone11: It's weird, Zurich

2022

Bodymerge performative lecture together with Kyp Malone, SODAS 2123, Vilnius

2020

Going Going, with Kyp Malone, Den Frie Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen  
Paloma in collaboration with Kyp Malone, Barbara Sanchez-Kane, and Viktor Martínez, IMMATERIAL Vol. 4, curated by Michelangelo Miccolis at Material Art Fair, Mexico City

2017

Going going, with Kyp Malone, Performa 17 Biennial, curated by Esa Nickle and Maaïke Gouwenberg, New York

2016

The Birth of Venus, NU Performance Festival, Tallinn  
Performance, Les Urbaines - 20th Edition, Lausanne  
Performance with Gelatin, Manifesta 11, Cabaret Voltaire, Zurich

2010

Status Quo Vadis, performance, Melk

#### **awards and mentions**

2020

Grand Prize, Cultural Endowment of Estonia

2016

Artist's salary - Ministry of Culture of Estonia 3-year long grant supporting artists at their creative peak